Riverside Bowl building will burn Saturday in training exercise

Event is the largest local practice burn in recent memory

On Saturday, the Camas Fire Department will conduct a controlled burn of the former Riverside Bowl building in Camas.

This 16,000 square foot structure, built in 1947 and located at 3010 N.E. Third Ave., has been vacant since 2007 and was recently released from the owners to use as a fire department training burn.

Personnel from the Camas and Washougal fire departments and East County Fire and Rescue will participate in what will be one of the largest practice burns conducted by the CFD in recent memory, said Fire Chief Nick Swinhart in a press release.

Smoke is expected to be visible from several miles away, over in to northern Oregon along the Columbia River. The interior training burns will start at approximately 9 a.m. The final burn will commence as soon as all training activities are completed, which could occur prior to noon. A designated viewing area will be set up at the Camas-Washougal Skate Park, located adjacent to Riverside Bowl. Police and public works will be on scene to enforce traffic and crowd safety.